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Pharmaceutical and personal care products: What happens when they enter the environment - an emerging concern

Human and veterinary pharmaceuticals and personal care products - cosmetics, food supplements, sunscreens, fragrances, etc. - may be released into sewage, rivers and groundwater after being ingested or applied. The first major symposium on the topic in the United States will be discussed Monday, March 27, 12:15 p.m. (PST), at the 219th national meeting of the American Chemical Society, the world's largest scientific society, in San Francisco, Calif.

WHO: Christian Daughton

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Las Vegas, Nev. Overarching issues in pharmaceuticals and personal care products

Thomas Ternes

Institute for Water Research and Water Technology, Wiesbaden, Germany Prescription drug residues in German waters

Thomas Heberer

Institute of Food Chemistry, University of Berlin, Germany

Traces of cholesterol-lowering drug in German sewage and water supplies; synthetic musks in human tissues and breast milk

David Epel

Hopkins Marine Station of Stanford University, Garden Grove, Calif.

How a compound in the environment enters a cell

WHAT: Environmental Effects of Pharmaceutical and Personal Care Products

WHEN: Monday, March 27, 12:15 p.m. (PST)

WHERE: Moscone Convention Center 747 Howard Street, Esplanade Level

Room 114

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